

REMARKS**I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

The Office Action dated January 25, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully considered. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 14, 23-25 and 29-33 contain allowable subject matter. As a result, claims 14 and 29 have been placed in independent form by including all the limitations of the respective base claims and intervening claims. By this Amendment Claims 1-13, 15-22, 26-28, and 35-36 stand cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce these claims in a continuing application. The Specification is amended to correct minor informalities. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(A)

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 2, 8, 26, 27, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,722,336 to Sarring in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,860,320 to Pizzorno. On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 2, 3, 8, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sarring in view of Pizzorno, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,615,249 to Geiser. With this Amendment, claims 2, 3, 8, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 34 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, thereby rendering these rejections moot.

III. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 14, 23-25, and 29-33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14, 23-25, and 29-33 are amended in accordance with the Examiner's instructions. Applicant respectfully requests this objection to be withdrawn.

IV. WITHDRAWN CLAIMS

Withdrawn claims 22, 28, and 35-36 are herein cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance with claims 14, 23-25 and 29-34. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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